

HOUSE RESOLUTION 51

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tim "Mountain Man" Guraedy upon being named Grand Marshal of the 2013 Strawberry Festival Parade.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to specially recognize those individuals who are being honored by Tennessee's communities; and

WHEREAS, Tim Guraedy, known to his legions of fans as "Mountain Man," has been selected to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2013 Portland Strawberry Festival Parade, a fitting recognition for a former Portlandian who has become an inspiration to thousands; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Man was widely known as a talented radio personality before shooting to stardom after the incredibly popular *Duck Dynasty* television show introduced him to the world; and

WHEREAS, a native of Louisiana, Mr. Guraedy moved with his family to Minnesota at the age of three and to Portland, Tennessee, at nine. He grew up in Portland, developing a deep and abiding love for the land and its natural splendor; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Man graduated from Portland High School in 1975 and attended Volunteer State Community College for a few years before transferring to a college in Indiana, and now lives in West Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, through the auspices of *Duck Dynasty*, Mountain Man, a neighbor of the Robertson clan, has become known far and wide as the slow-talking, big-hearted, instantly-likeable gentleman who is the best air-conditioning repairman in fifty miles, understands that eating slowly aids in digestion, and enjoys a grape slush on a hot day; and

WHEREAS, in his role on *Duck Dynasty*, and through his work as a motivational speaker who travels the country speaking to young people about the vagaries of bullying and drug use

and the importance of making good decisions and as a spiritual speaker who has dedicated himself to serving the Lord, Mountain Man has shown the world those qualities which we as Tennesseans have always held dear - a love of family and friends, a dedication to service, a volunteer spirit, and an appreciation for Mother Nature and all she has to offer; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Mountain Man for being honored by the City of Portland; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend Tim "Mountain Man" Guraedy for being chosen to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2013 Strawberry Festival Parade and extend our warmest welcome as he returns to Portland and to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.